## AMENDMENTS TO THE APPLICATION

## Inventorship:

Please remove Douglas F. Covey as an inventor of the present application. As stated in 37 CFR §1.48(b), "If the correct inventors are named in a nonprovisional application, and the prosecution of the nonprovisional application results in the amendment or cancellation of claims so that fewer than all of the currently named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed in the nonprovisional application, an amendment must be filed requesting deletion of the name or names of the person or person who are not inventors of the invention being claimed." In the present case, although the application was originally filed correctly, naming both James W. Simpkins and Douglas F. Covey as inventors, the original claims have since been cancelled and new claims have been added and the new claims are the only claims being prosecuted on the merits. Consequently, no claims are currently pending which relate to the subject matter for which Dr. Covey provided an inventive contribution.

## STATEMENT OF INVENTORSHIP

Applicant respectfully submits that U.S. nonprovisional Application No. 10/082,812 was originally filed correctly on February 25, 2002 naming both James W. Simpkins and Douglas F. Covey as inventors. However, the original claims have since been cancelled, new claims have been added, and the new claims are the only claims being prosecuted on the merits. Consequently, no claims are currently pending which relate to the subject matter for which Dr. Covey provided an inventive contribution.